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.. (C) THERE FOLLOWS APPROVED WHITE HOUSE MEDIA GUIDANCE  
ON KLAUS BARBIE STORY. THE SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH

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THIS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR COMMENT CONCERNING BARBIE'S REPORTED LINKS TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE. ADDRESSEES SHOULD USE THIS GUIDANCE AS A GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE USG POSITION. PARIS PASS TO CONSULATES.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT:

(U)Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES STORY CONCERNING **KLAUS BARBIE** LINKS TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE?

A: APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR A REVIEW TO IDENTIFY ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE RELEVANT. OF COURSE, WITH REGARD TO YOUR Q. ESTION ON INTELLIGENCE, YOU KNOW THAT WE DO NOT COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS AS A GENERAL POLICY.

(U) WE CONDEMN ANY ACTIVITY THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE BRINGING TO JUSTICE OF PEOPLE ACCUSED OF SUCH ABHORRENT CRIMES AGAINST MANKIND. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED FOR YEARS IN IDENTIFYING AND BRINGING TO JUSTICE FORMER NAZIS ACCUSED OF WAR CRIMES. AS YOU AR- AWARE, THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THIS ACTIVITY.

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